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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. Airfield Layout:

The following recent construction and alterations have been carried out:

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- a. A new hangar has been built on the east side of the control tower in the surrounding wooded area, near the already existing five hangars.
- b. The loading ramp from the railway spur is now situated where the Burgerhauser crosses the Pappelallee.
- c. Adjacent to the loading ramp, two fuel tanks of unknown capacity have been sunk into the ground.

2. Fuel:

The main fuel dump is located next to the Funkerkaserne (signal troop barracks) on the site of the former main fuel dump.

3. Units and Organizations:

a. Units:

The following units are based on the airfield:

- (1) Divisional Staff (The health cards of the officers show that they belong to the "Stab der 2. Luft Division")
- (2) Parachute Section.
- (3) Anti-Aircraft Section with two Training Sections, one for YAK 11's, one for YAK 18's.
- (4) Signal Section.
- (5) Central Repair Shop.
- (6) Medical Unit.

b. Parachute Section:

- (1) Approximate strength: 500 men.
- (2) The messhalls are situated in the fields on the eastern side of the Burgerhauser.
- (3) Elementary jumps are made from parachute towers which are wheeled on to the practice field.

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The aircraft used for initial jumps are a modified PO 2 type with glass cockpit, and two aircraft similar to the YAK-18, but larger. From the latter aircraft up to 6 parachutists can jump at a time.

c. Anti-Aircraft Section:

- (1) The section has about 200 men.
- (2) Personnel wear blue and red shoulderboards.
- (3) Four 23-mm guns and one 88-mm gun have been observed.

d. Central Repair Shop:

In the Central Repair Shop there is a sub-section devoted to research and developemtn on rockets. This sub-section has close liaison with the Forschungs-und Entwicklungsanstalt (Research and Development Institute-FEA).

4. U-MIG-15's:

The U-MIG-15's which have from time to time appeared on the airfield and which bear the markings of a crane, bear, etc., are said to belong to other airfields.

- a. They are flown to Cottbus for their major inspections and any necessary repairs.
- b. After the inspection has been carried out, the U-MIG-15's are flown by Soviet test pilots accompanied by a German officer on the staff of the Central Repair Shop.
- c. After their major inspection, they are flown back to the airfields from which they came.
- d. Their markings such as crane, bear, etc. denote to which squadron the U-MIG-15 belongs.

5. Soviet Personnel:

- a. More than ten Soviet officers are attached to the airfield.
- b. A Soviet adviser is now attached to each "Abteilungs-Kommandeur".

6. Personalities:

- a. Lieutenant Wachauer is a member of the staff of the Central Repair Shop. He was formerly an aviator and during the war was employed in the experimental departments of the Focke-Wulf and the Heinkel works.
- b. On the 9th February, Wachauer and four other officers from the same section were sent to Pirna for a course on electronic research. The duration of the course is 8 weeks. The officers taking the course will not only be given lectures but they will have to assist in practical demonstrations.

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